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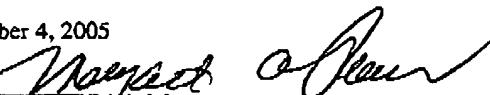
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In re application of:

Poul Baad Rasmussen, *et al.*

Application No.: 10/084,706

Filed: February 26, 2002

For: Interferon-Beta Variants and Conjugates
(as amended)

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2005. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the time for response for three months from July 5, 2005 to October 5, 2005. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE:

Please delete the current title and substitute therefor the following new title:

Interferon-Beta Variants and Conjugates